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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF OF PROCUREMENT

7 February 1951

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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1. The Office of the Chief of the Chemical Corps has requested that CIA assume all responsibilities for personal injuries suffered by their personnel in certain proposed [REDACTED]

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2. Congress enacted the Career Compensation Act of 1949 to care for armed forces personnel who are injured as a result of the performance of active duty. This is a comprehensive piece of legislation which was passed only after a great deal of study by the so-called Hook Commission and by the Congress, and contains the following provision:

"All duties, powers, and functions incident to payments of disability retirement pay, hospitalization, and reexaminations shall be vested in the Secretary concerned or in the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs under regulations promulgated by the President." (Sec. 111 (b))

3. In view of the clearly expressed intent of Congress that armed forces personnel be cared for under the provisions of the Career Compensation Act, CIA's compliance with this request would appear violative of legislative design.

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